



Early Journal Content on JSTOR, Free to Anyone in the World

This article is one of nearly 500,000 scholarly works digitized and made freely available to everyone in the world by JSTOR.

Known as the Early Journal Content, this set of works include research articles, news, letters, and other writings published in more than 200 of the oldest leading academic journals. The works date from the mid-seventeenth to the early twentieth centuries.

We encourage people to read and share the Early Journal Content openly and to tell others that this resource exists. People may post this content online or redistribute in any way for non-commercial purposes.

Read more about Early Journal Content at <http://about.jstor.org/participate-jstor/individuals/early-journal-content>.

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary source objects. JSTOR helps people discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content through a powerful research and teaching platform, and preserves this content for future generations. JSTOR is part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization that also includes Ithaka S+R and Portico. For more information about JSTOR, please contact support@jstor.org.

About the Weather. By Mark W. Harrington. 12mo. New York, D. Appleton & Company, 1899. pp. 246. Illustrated. Price 50 cents.

This little book may be recommended to those who wish to learn something about the larger relations of meteorological phenomena. *About the Weather* is not at all adapted for use as a text-book, but is intended for "home reading." The author, Professor Harrington, is well and favorably known as a representative American meteorologist. With the exception of the first four chapters, which concern some of the more important of the human relations of meteorological phenomena, the book presents little that calls for comment. In general, the treatment of the subject is similar to that in other books of the same kind. The four chapters referred to are, however, somewhat unique in laying proper emphasis upon a very important aspect of meteorology. The relations of climate, and of weather changes, to man are many and varied. They have not begun to receive the attention which they deserve. It is, therefore, a promising sign when the author of the latest book on meteorology places the human relations of his science so prominently in the opening chapters of his book. *About the Weather* will give any one a pleasant hour or two of interesting and profitable reading.

R. DEC. W.

The Madeira Islands. By Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Fellow of the American Geographical Society; Delegate, by Special Appointment, of the Associação Commercial of Funchal, Madeira, to the International Commercial Congress in Philadelphia, U. S. A., 1899, etc., etc. With Forty-seven Full-page Illustrations, a Map of Funchal, and a Section of the Medici Map, and Comprising the History of the Madeiras; Information for the Traveller and Visitor; a Treatise descriptive of the Natives, their Characteristics, Religions, Laws, and Customs; and an Account of the Commerce. Two Volumes, 8vo. London, Hurst & Blackett, Limited, 1900.

In these handsome volumes Mr. Drexel Biddle has condensed and classified the results of his long acquaintance with the Madeira Islands and their people, who seem to have won his affection. He says in his preface:

In styling the natives of these islands Madeirans the author has furthermore departed from the custom of all previous writers on the subject, who have called them Portuguese—an appellation which the natives themselves resent.